



American Ginseng, CITES, and the USDA



Regulation of CITES Plant Species Enforced by:

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service
Plant Protection and Quarantine



On March 1, 2003,

Approx. 3,000 APHIS-PPQ Employees
Transfer to Dept. of Homeland Security



Designated Ports with APHIS Enforcement Post-DHS

Nogales, AZ

Los Angeles, CA

San Diego, CA

San Francisco, CA

Miami, FL

Orlando, FL

Atlanta, GA

Barrigada, Guam

Honolulu, HI

New Orleans, LA

Linden, NJ

Jamaica, NY

San Juan, PR

Brownsville, TX

Houston, TX

Seattle, WA



Designated Ports With DHS Enforcement

Atlanta, GA

Chicago, IL

Baltimore, MD

Detroit, MI

Port Huron, MI

St. Louis, MO

Charlotte, NC

Buffalo, NY

Rouses Point, NY

Blaine, WA

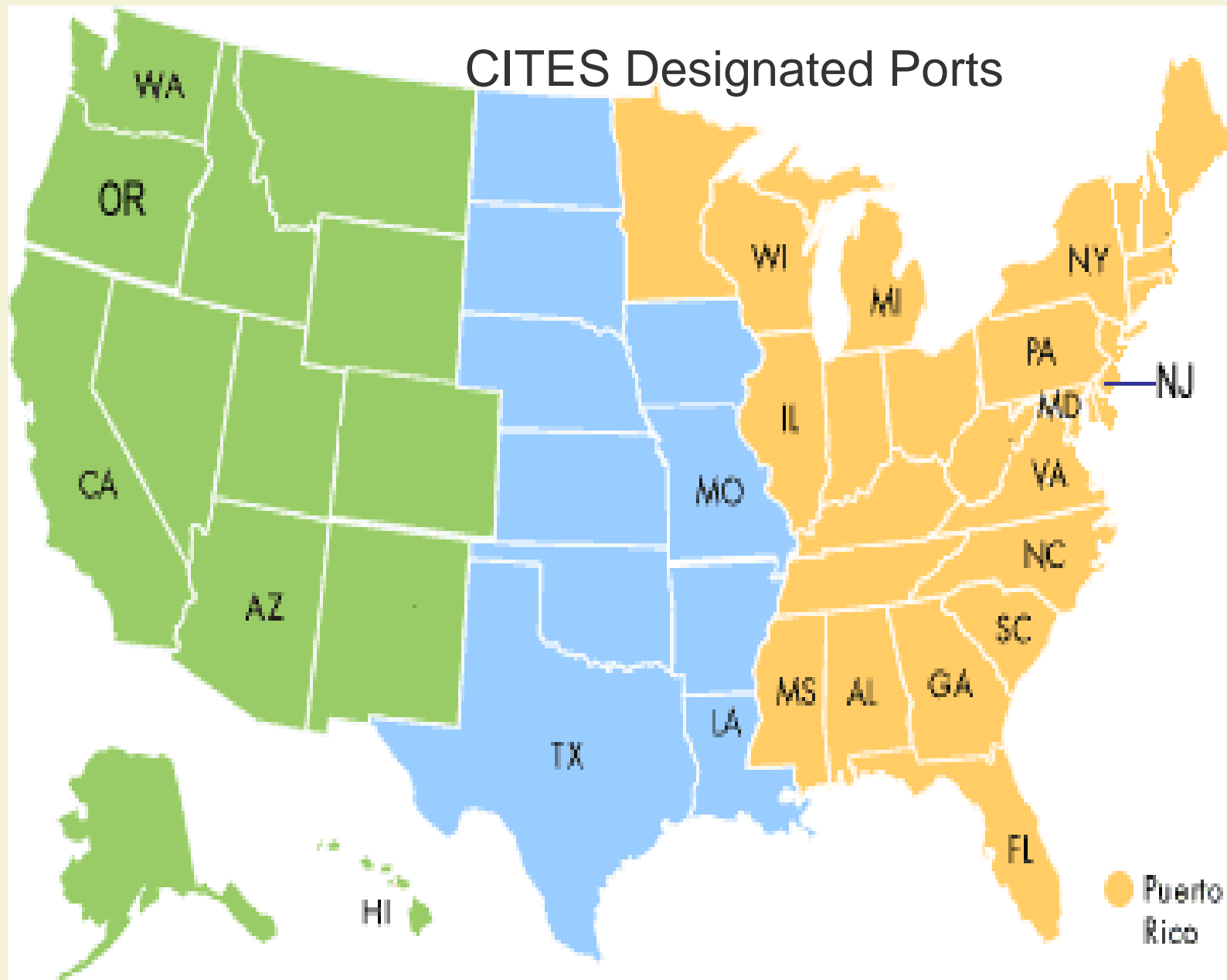
Milwaukee, WI



American Ginseng Export Requirements

- State Permits for 5 + year Wild roots
- CITES Export Permit/Certificate
- USDA “Protected Plant Permit” (or formerly called the “General Permit”)
- Invoice or Packing List
- Inspection and Export at a “Designated Port”

CITES Designated Ports



<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/permits/cites>



APHIS Officer Activities

- Are All Permits Present/Valid?
- Do State/FWS Permits Cover Amount Being Exported?



APHIS Officer Activities

- Are Roots Cultivated or Wild Collected?
- For Wild Collected Roots, Do They Meet 5 Year Requirement?





Inspection Issues:

- Only fully intact roots can be accurately measured.
- Certifying based on % of root that can be properly aged; Certain % of roots are usually broken
- Small roots and stem scars require hand lens or microscope to accurately inspect
- If rejected, make copies of all shipping documents and forward up to PPQ hdqtrs. then on to FWS





Ginseng Export issues

If reconditioning of rejected shipment is required, removal of underaged roots is required prior to reinspection.

Officers cannot accept Export Permit if handwritten corrections or unofficial modifications have been made



Information



- CITES Secretariat Website: <http://www.cites.org>
- USFWS Website: <http://international.fws.gov>
- PPQ Web:
<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/permits/cites>

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Inspection Process:

- Opening barrel
- Selecting roots
- Pulling roots for closer examination





Inspection Process (cont):

- Aging ginseng roots
- Broken rhizomes or “necks”

